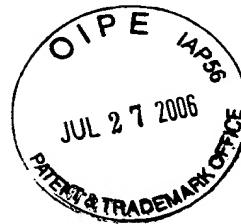


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (hereinafter 'Action') mailed February 6, 2006, the due date having been extended three (3) months to August 6, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	35	-	39	=	0
Independent	7	-	9	=	0